The Oxford Dictionary definition of a desert:

A **dry**, barren area of land, especially one covered with sand, that is characteristically desolate, waterless, and without vegetation.

**Uninhabited and Desolate**
“residential lawns cover more of the United States than any other irrigated crop, and that includes the corn and soy that blanket the Midwest.”
California Fairy Duster

Jojoba
Creosote Bush

Barrel Cactus
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*Uninhabited and desolate*

Ode to the Mojave/Colorado Deserts
by Angela Dock

The desert is a fecund place
bursting with life and gentle song
exploding colours and unexpected magic
where perfume wraps around baked earth
It’s an hypnotic space where people dream and souls uplift,
and tiny creatures drift and shift and monumental trees exist;
where mighty Joshuas and massive oaks stand side by side and ghost flowers whisper,
lizards dart and Ocotillos shout resplendent and persist;
where Mojave asters yield their lavender mist
where zebra tails and elusive lions leave their trails.

The desert is not, most definitely not
a desolate place.
• We live in a desert – embrace it

• We live in a desert – be inspired by it

• We live in a desert – soften the boundaries between people and nature

• We live in a desert – don’t waste water

• Use landscaping to learn about, and teach others about native plants and animals